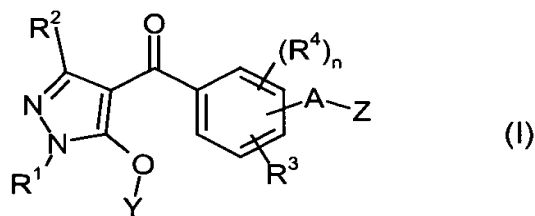


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31 2. (Currently Amended) ~~The compound according to Claim 1, A substituted benzoylpyrazole of the formula (I),~~



wherein

n represents the numbers 0, 1 or 2,

A represents ~~a single bond or represents an~~ alkanediyl (alkylene) having 1 to 4 carbon atoms,

R¹ represents optionally cyano-, carboxyl-, carbamoyl-, halogen-, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-, C₁-C₄-alkyl-carbonyl-, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-carbonyl-, C₁-C₄-alkylthio-, C₁-C₄-alkylsulfinyl- or C₁-C₄-alkylsulfonyl-substituted alkyl having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, represents in each case optionally cyano-, carboxyl-, carbamoyl-, halogen- or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-carbonyl-substituted alkenyl or alkynyl having in each case 2 to 6 carbon atoms, or represents optionally cyano-, carboxyl-, carbamoyl-, halogen-, C₁-C₄-alkyl- or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-carbonyl-substituted cycloalkyl having 3 to 6 carbon atoms,

R² represents hydrogen, cyano, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, halogen, represents in each case optionally cyano-, halogen- or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-substituted alkyl, alkoxy or alkoxy-carbonyl having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms, represents optionally halogen-substituted alkylthio having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, or represents optionally

cyano-, halogen- or C₁-C₄-alkyl-substituted cycloalkyl having 3 to 6 carbon atoms,

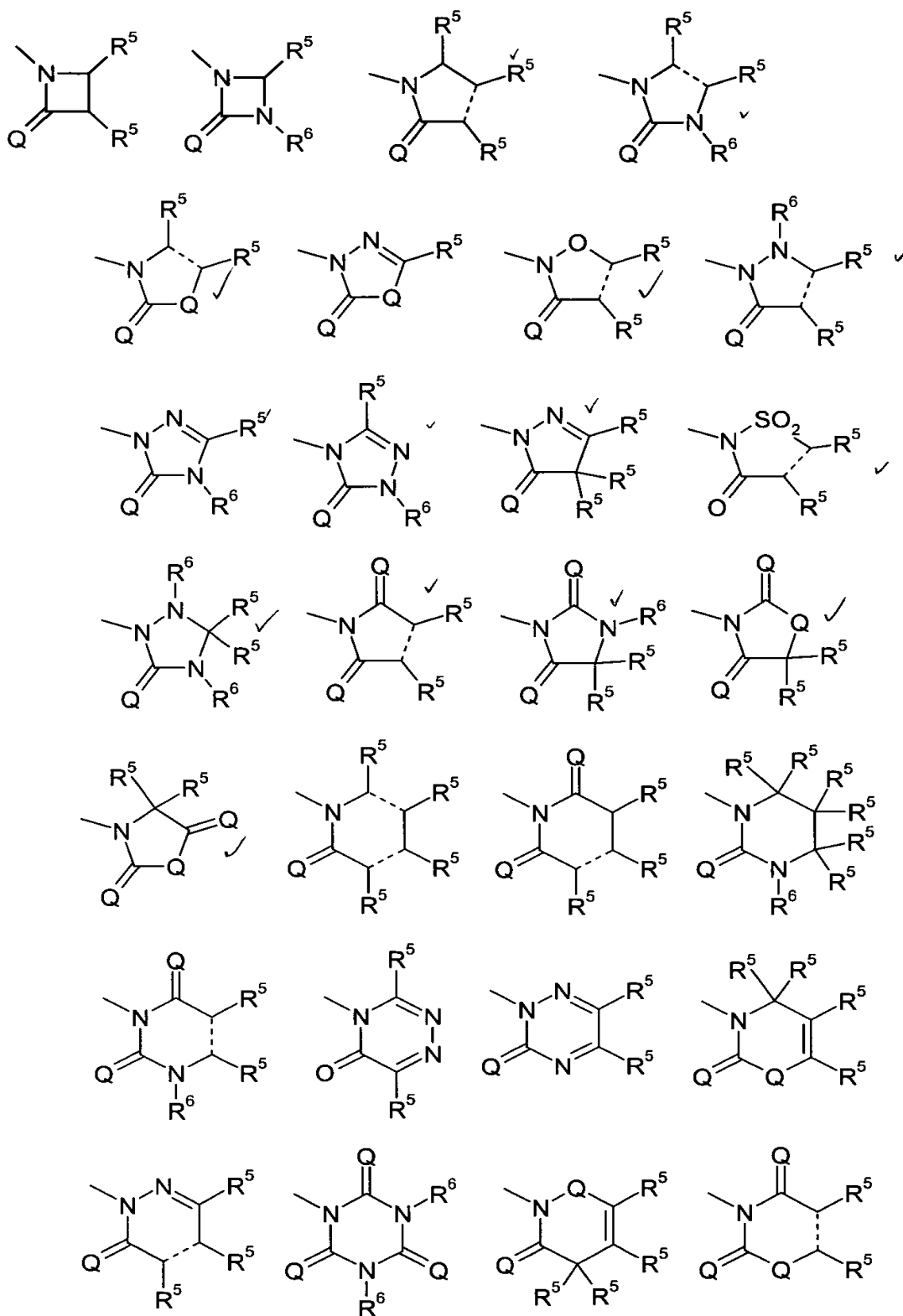
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R³ represents hydrogen, nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, halogen, represents in each case optionally halogen, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-, C₁-C₄-alkylthio-, C₁-C₄-alkylsulfinyl- or C₁-C₄-alkylsulfonyl-substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl or alkylsulfonyl having in each case up to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, or represents alkylamino, dialkylamino or dialkylaminosulfonyl having in each case up to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups,

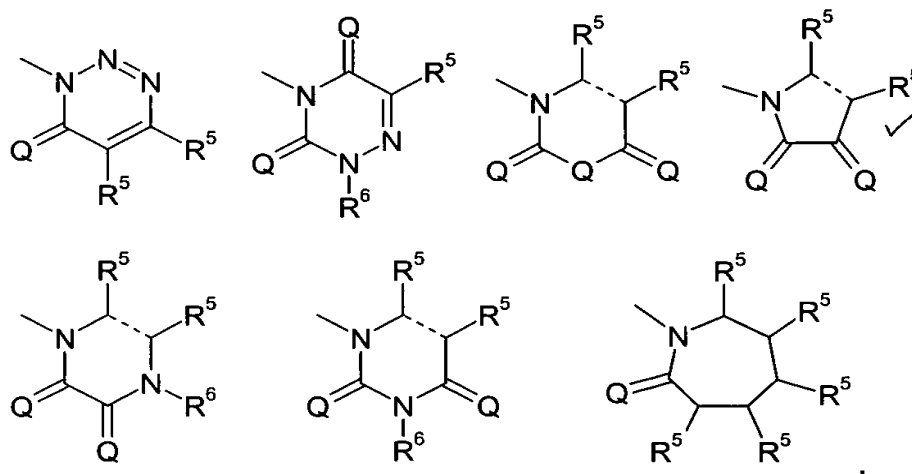
R⁴ represents nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, halogen, represents in each case optionally halogen-, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-, C₁-C₄-alkylthio-, C₁-C₄-alkylsulfinyl- or C₁-C₄-alkylsulfonyl-substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl or alkylsulfonyl having in each case up to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, or represents alkylamino, dialkylamino or dialkylaminosulfonyl having in each case up to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups,

Y represents hydrogen, represents in each case optionally cyano-, carboxyl-, carbamoyl-, halogen- or C₁-C₄-alkoxycarbonyl-substituted alkyl, alkylcarbonyl or alkoxycarbonyl having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms, represents in each case optionally halogen-substituted alkylsulfonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl or dialkylaminocarbonyl having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, represents in each case optionally cyano-, carboxyl-, carbamoyl-, halogen- or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-carbonyl-substituted alkenyl, alkenylcarbonyl, alkinyl or alkinylcarbonyl having in each case 2 to 6 carbon atoms, represents optionally halogen-substituted alkenylsulfonyl having up to 6 carbon atoms represents in each case optionally cyano-, halogen- or C₁-C₄-alkyl-substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyl or cycloalkylalkyl having in each case 3 to 6 carbon atoms in the cycloalkyl groups and optionally 1 to 3 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety, or represents in each case optionally nitro-, cyano-, carboxyl-, carbamoyl-, halogen-, C₁-C₄-alkyl-, C₁-C₄-halogenoalkyl-, C₁-C₄-alkoxy- or C₁-C₄-halogenoalkoxy-substituted phenylcarbonyl, phenylsulfonyl, phenyl-C₁-C₄-alkyl or phenylcarbonyl-C₁-C₄-alkyl, and

Z represents one of the heterocyclic groupings below

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in which in each case the broken bond is a single bond or a double bond,

Q represents oxygen or sulfur,

R^5 represents hydrogen, hydroxyl, mercapto, cyano, halogen, represents in each case optionally cyano-, halogen-, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy-, C_1 - C_4 -alkylthio-, C_1 - C_4 -alkylsulfinyl- or C_1 - C_4 -alkylsulfonyl-substituted alkyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkoxy, alkoxy-carbonyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl or alkylsulfonyl having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, represents propadienylthio, represents in each case optionally halogen-substituted alkylamino or dialkylamino having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, represents in each case optionally halogen-substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, alkenyloxy, alkenylthio or alkenylamino having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkenyl or alkynyl groups, represents in each case optionally halogen-substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkyloxy, cycloalkylthio, cycloalkyl-amino, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylalkoxy, cycloalkylalkylthio or cycloalkylalkylamino having in each case 3 to 6 carbon atoms in the cycloalkyl groups and optionally up to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety, represents in each case optionally halogen-, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl- or C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy-substituted phenyl, phenyloxy, phenylthio, phenyl-amino, benzyl, benzyloxy, benzylthio or benzylamino, represents pyrrolidino, piperidino or morpholino, or - if two adjacent radicals R^5 and R^5 are located on a double bond - together with the adjacent radical R^5 also represents a benzo

grouping, and

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R⁶ represents hydrogen, hydroxyl, amino, alkylideneamino having up to 4 carbon atoms, represents in each case optionally halogen- or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, dialkylamino or alkanoylamino having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, represents in each case optionally halogen-substituted alkenyl, alkynyl or alkenyloxy having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkenyl or alkynyl groups, represents in each case optionally halogen-substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl or cycloalkylamino having in each case 3 to 6 carbon atoms in the cycloalkyl groups and optionally up to 3 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety, or represents in each case optionally halogen-, C₁-C₄-alkyl- or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-substituted phenyl or benzyl, or together with an adjacent radical R⁵ or R⁶ represents optionally halogen- or C₁-C₄-alkyl-substituted alkanediyl having 3 to 5 carbon atoms,

where the individual radicals R⁵ and R⁶ - if a plurality of these are attached to the same heterocyclic groupings, may have identical or different meanings within the scope of the above definition.

3. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 1 or 2, wherein

n represents the numbers 0 or 1,

A represents a single bond, methylene, ethylidene (ethane-1,1-diyl) or dimethylene (ethane-1,2-diyl),

R¹ represents in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-, methylthio-, ethylthio-, n- or i-propylthio-, methylsulfinyl-, ethylsulfinyl-, n- or i-propylsulfinyl-, methylsulfonyl-, ethylsulfonyl-, n- or i-propylsulfonyl-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, represents in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine- or bromine-substituted propenyl, butenyl, propinyl or butinyl, or represents in each case optionally cyano-, fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, methyl- or

ethyl-substituted cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl or cyclohexyl,

R² represents hydrogen, cyano, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, represents in each case optionally cyano-, fluorine-, chlorine-, methoxy- or ethoxy-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, n- or i-propoxy, methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, n- or i-propoxycarbonyl, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-substituted methylthio, ethylthio, n- or i-propylthio, or represents in each case optionally cyano-, fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, methyl- or ethyl-substituted cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl or cyclohexyl,

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R³ represents hydrogen, nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-, methylthio-, ethylthio-, n- or i-propylthio-, methylsulfinyl-, ethylsulfinyl-, methylsulfonyl- or ethylsulfonyl-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-substituted methoxy, ethoxy, n- or i-propoxy, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-substituted methylthio, ethylthio, n- or i-propylthio, methylsulfinyl, ethylsulfinyl, n- or i-propylsulfinyl, methylsulfonyl, ethylsulfonyl, n- or i-propylsulfonyl, or represents methylamino, ethylamino, n- or i-propylamino, dimethylamino, diethylamino, dimethylaminosulfonyl or diethylaminosulfonyl,

R⁴ represents nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-, methylthio-, ethylthio-, n- or i-propylthio-, methylsulfinyl-, ethylsulfinyl-, methylsulfonyl- or ethylsulfonyl-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-substituted methoxy, ethoxy, n- or i-propoxy, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-substituted methylthio, ethylthio, n- or i-propylthio, methylsulfinyl, ethylsulfinyl, n- or i-propylsulfinyl, methylsulfonyl, ethylsulfonyl, n- or i-propylsulfonyl, or represents methylamino, ethylamino, n- or i-propylamino, dimethylamino, diethylamino, dimethyl-

aminosulfonyl or diethylaminosulfonyl,

R⁵ represents hydrogen, hydroxyl, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, difluoromethyl, dichloromethyl, trifluoromethyl, trichloromethyl, chlorodifluoromethyl, fluorodichloromethyl, fluoroethyl, chloroethyl, difluoroethyl, dichloroethyl, fluoro-n-propyl, fluoro-i-propyl, chloro-n-propyl, chloro-i-propyl, methoxymethyl, ethoxymethyl, methoxyethyl, ethoxyethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, n- or i-propoxy, n-, i-, s- or t-butoxy, fluoroethoxy, chloroethoxy, difluoroethoxy, dichloroethoxy, trifluoroethoxy, trichloroethoxy, chlorofluoroethoxy, chlorodifluoroethoxy, fluoro-dichloroethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, n- or i-propylthio, fluoroethylthio, chloroethylthio, difluoroethylthio, dichloroethylthio, chlorofluoroethylthio, chlorodifluoroethylthio, fluorodichloroethylthio, methylsulfinyl, ethylsulfinyl, n- or i-propylsulfinyl, methylsulfonyl, ethylsulfonyl, n- or i-propylsulfonyl, dimethylamino, propenylthio, butenylthio, propinylthio, butinylthio, cyclopropyl, cyclopropylmethyl, cyclopropylmethoxy, phenyl or phenoxy,

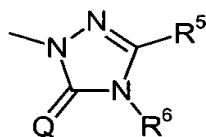
R⁶ represents amino, methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylamino, dimethylamino, cyclopropyl or cyclopropylmethyl, or together with *R⁵* represents propane-1,3-diyl (trimethylene), butane-1,4-diyl (tetramethylene) or pentane-1,5-diyl (pentamethylene), and

Y represents hydrogen, represents in each case optionally cyano-, fluorine-, chlorine-, methoxy- or ethoxy-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, acetyl, propionyl, n- or i-butyroyl, methoxycarbonyl or ethoxycarbonyl, represents in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine- and/or bromine-substituted methylsulfonyl-, ethylsulfonyl-, n- or i-propylsulfonyl-, n-, i-, s- or t-butylsulfonyl-, methylaminocarbonyl, ethylaminocarbonyl, n- or i-propylaminocarbonyl, dimethylaminocarbonyl or diethylaminocarbonyl, represents in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine- or bromine-substituted propenyl, butenyl, propenylcarbonyl, butenylcarbonyl, propenylsulfonyl, butenylsulfonyl, propinyl, butinyl, propinylcarbonyl or butinylcarbonyl, represents in each case optionally cyano-, fluorine-, chlorine-, methyl- or ethyl-substituted cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopropylcarbonyl, cyclobutylcarbonyl,

cyclopentylcarbonyl, cyclohexylcarbonyl, cyclopropylmethyl, cyclobutylmethyl, cyclopentylmethyl or cyclohexylmethyl, or represents in each case optionally nitro-, cyano-, fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, methyl-, ethyl-, n- or i-propyl-, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl-, trifluoromethyl-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-, difluoromethoxy- or trifluoromethoxy-substituted phenylcarbonyl, phenylsulfonyl, benzyl or phenylcarbonylmethyl.

4. (Currently Amended) The compound according to ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~ 2, wherein

Z represents the grouping below

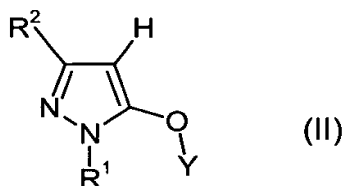


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6. (Currently Amended) The compound according to ~~any of claims 1 to 5~~ 2, wherein n represents 0.

7. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a compound according to ~~any of claims 1 to 6~~ 2, comprising the step of:

(a) reacting a pyrazole of the general formula (II)

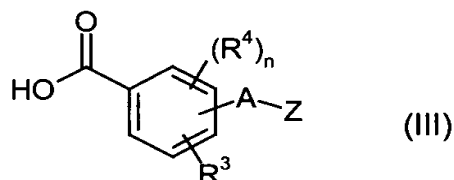


in which

R¹, R² and Y are as defined in ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~ 2,

with

a substituted benzoic acid of the general formula (III),



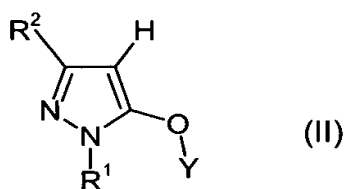
in which

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n, A, R³, R⁴ and Z are as defined in ~~any of claims 1 to 62~~,

in the presence of a dehydrating agent, optionally in the presence of one or more reaction auxiliaries and optionally in the presence of a diluent,

or

(b) reacting a pyrazole of the general formula (II)

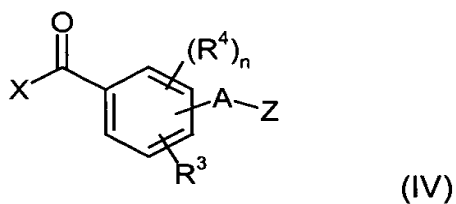


in which

R¹, R² and Y are as defined in ~~any of claims 1 to 32~~,

with

a member selected from the group consisting of a substituted benzoic acid derivative of the general formula (IV)



in which

n , A , R^3 , R^4 and Z are as defined in ~~any of claims 1 to 6~~ 2, and

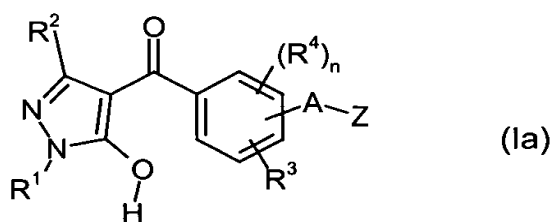
X represents cyano, halogen or alkoxy,

and corresponding carboxylic anhydrides thereof

optionally in the presence of one or more reaction auxiliaries and optionally in the presence of a diluent,

or

(c) reacting a substituted benzoylpyrazole of the general formula (Ia)



in which

n , A , R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 and Z are as defined in ~~any of claims 1 to 6~~ 2,

with

a compound of the general formula (V)

H-Y (V)

in which

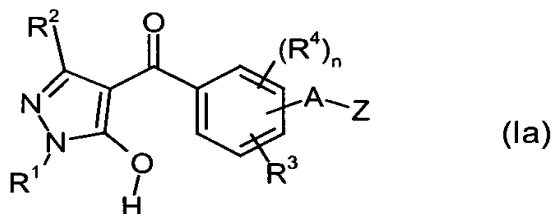
Y is as defined in ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~ 2, except for hydrogen,

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—and optionally further comprising the step of including as a reactant corresponding isocyanates or isothiocyanates thereof—

optionally in the presence of one or more reaction auxiliaries and optionally in the presence of a diluent,

and, optionally further comprising the step of subjecting the resulting compound of the formula (I) to ~~one or more~~ one or more reactions selected from the group consisting of an electrophilic reaction, a nucleophilic reaction, an oxidation reaction, a reduction reaction and combinations thereof within the scope of the definition of the substituents, or further comprising the step of converting the compound of the formula (I) into a salt.

8. (Currently Amended) A compound of the ~~general~~ formula (Ia)



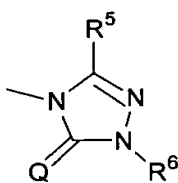
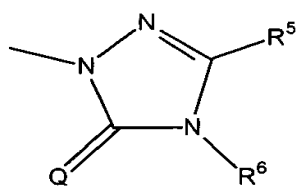
in which

n, A, R¹, R², R³, R⁴ and Z are as defined in ~~any of claims 1 to 6~~ 2.

9. (Currently Amended) An herbicidal composition, comprising at least one of the compounds according to ~~any of claims 1 to 6~~ 2 and an extender.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling undesirable plants comprising the step of applying an herbicidally effective amount at least one compound according to ~~any of claims 1 to 6~~ 2 to a member selected from the group consisting of said plant and a habitat of said plant.

11. (New) The compound of claim 2 wherein Z represents a member selected from the group consisting of



and

